

## KANSAS COMMENT

**Norton's New Church.**—The new Methodist church which has been in course of erection during the summer in Norton, has just been completed at a cost of \$8,500.

**Unanimous to Pave.**—Salina will pave, Santa Fe Ave. from the south side of the Iron avenue, north to the main line of the Union Pacific, will be paved with bitulithic, as soon as all arrangements can be made. The ordinance is already passed and nothing is left but to appoint appraisers and let the contract.

**Old Road Being Opened Up.**—The government has just commenced work on a public road north of Junction City on the Ft. Riley reservation, known as the "Old Governor Harvey road." It has been closed for a couple of years, but at the last session of congress an appropriation of \$6,000 was made to reopen the highway and make a first-class road of it.

**Null Poisoning Case.**—On the sixth day of the Null poisoning case at Kingman the most important witnesses were the two young daughters of the defendant, Mary and Clara, aged 14 and 12 years. The prosecution was unable to shake their testimony. Eighty-four witnesses are in attendance, and it will take at least two days yet to finish the case.

**Building "Katy" Shops.**—At Parsons every one of the eighty-six houses which were on the ground purchased by the city for the location of the Katy railroad shops have been moved to other parts of the city and the railroad company will let the contract for the erection of the buildings. Graders have been at work for the past two weeks and the contract calls for the completion of the shops within two years. The shops are to cost \$1,000,000.

**Haskell Barn Burned.**—One of the fine barns at Haskell Indian Industrial institute, one mile south of Lawrence, was burned and seven horses were burned to death. The horses were the driving teams of the school. Several vehicles were also destroyed. The barn was a total loss. The fire is supposed to have originated through defective wiring. Haskell has been very unfortunate in the destruction of barns through fires, this being the sixth structure burned.

**Big Irish Potato.**—Rev. Father Hayden, the Topeka Catholic priest who spent the summer in Ireland and who returned to America with his friend, the late C. J. Devlin, has presented Secretary Coburn's department with a genuine Irish potato raised in Ireland. When dug it weighed three pounds and two ounces. It now weighs three pounds. Father Hayden wanted to show the secretary what a real Irish potato looked like. Coburn believes he can dig up a bigger one in Kansas.

**Trace Escaped Convicts.**—W. H. Haskell, warden of the Kansas penitentiary has had a neat pamphlet printed containing the names and pictures of thirty-two convicts wanted at the penitentiary. Of the number twenty-seven escaped and five are wanted for violating their parole. Nearly all these convicts escaped before Mr. Haskell took charge as warden. Only five of all the prisoners paroled have violated their obligation and are now fugitives. A reward of \$50 will be paid for the capture of any of the thirty-two. The pamphlet will be sent to sheriffs and police officers and to other penitentiaries in all parts of the United States.

**Fire at Altamont.**—A fire at Altamont, a town on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, twelve miles west of Oswego, destroyed the elevator of J. H. Rust, together with 15,000 bushels of shelled corn, 5,000 bushels of ear corn, 5,000 bushels of wheat and two nearby residences. Mr. Rust had \$5,000 insurance on the elevator and \$5,000 on contents, all in mutual companies. His loss will exceed \$15,000. How the fire originated is unknown.

**Million Dollar Factory.**—The Santa Fe construction outfit is in Garden City and will at once begin work on the switches to the \$1,000,000 sugar factory to be constructed at this place. The building of this factory has given an added impetus to the already rapid development of this county, and 2,000 acres of sugar beets will be put out in the spring within a radius of ten miles from the city. Even under circumstances as unfavorable as they were this year will yield 30,000 tons with a value of \$180,000. The people of Finney county feel that prosperity has come to stay and are not slow to take advantage of the things they have worked so hard to bring about.

**His Horse Threw Him.**—Lieut. Barnard of the Fifth cavalry, of the staff college at Fort Leavenworth, is confined to the hospital as a result of injuries sustained by being thrown from his horse on hard pavement.

**Good for Trago.**—"There must be a considerable satisfaction living in Trago county." This was a remark made by one of the representative citizens of Wa-Keeney, who claims that \$2,000 will cover the entire bonded indebtedness of Trago county, and the county has a court house valued at \$40,000 and all paid for.

**Robbed Postoffice.**—I. C. Jones, who pleaded guilty in the federal court to burglarizing the postoffice at Admire, Lyons county, on the night of November 29 and stealing \$300 worth of postage stamps, was sentenced to the penitentiary for thirty months and to pay a fine of \$500.

**Kansas Pure Food Campaign.**—The state board of health is now making a pure food campaign. It has sent a number of samples of different kinds of prepared foods to the state chemist for analysis. If any unhealthy substances are found in them the board will bar their sale in Kansas.

**Jewell County Leads.**—Jewell county is the banner corn producing county of Kansas this year. It raised 6,241,952 bushels. Marshall is a close second with a production of 6,173,898. Nemaha is third with 5,853,854. Washington fourth with 5,162,940 and Republic fifth with 6,074,080.

**Charged With Beating Baby.**—Charged with beating his 11-month-old baby, William Blake was arrested at Wichita on a state warrant, sworn out by the police matron. When the police matron made an effort to examine the child, its mother jerked it away from her and would not let it be seen.

**Land Held Too High.**—A misunderstanding between the citizens of Kiowa, Kas., and the officials of the Denver, Enid & Gulf railroad has tied up work for the present on the extension to Kiowa. The road is now building toward Kiowa, and is constructed as far as Coldwater, O. T., within forty miles of Kiowa.

**Mrs. Anderson Sentenced.**—The district court at Winfield sentenced Lee Krebs and Mrs. Ella Anderson, found guilty of the killing of her husband, Harry Anderson, at Arkansas City, July 25. Krebs was given from two to ten years for manslaughter in the second degree and Mrs. Anderson from one to two years for manslaughter in the fourth degree.

**Tax Payments Large.**—At Iola taxpayers are now hurrying to the county treasurer's office to pay their taxes before the 20th of this month, after which date, if they are not paid, there will be a five per cent penalty. The force in the treasurer's office is busy day and night, trying to keep up with the work, and even at that they will have to get a little behind until the rush is over.

**Bad Language Barred.**—On account of offensive language causing disorders that resulted in two murders being committed at Fort Riley recently, instructions have been issued by the post authorities that any enlisted man who violates the twenty-fifth article of war, using offensive language and inciting one to a personal encounter, will be compelled to apologize to the person insulted in the presence of the troop.

**Annual Rating of Watches.**—H. S. Montgomery, general watch inspector of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, has issued a bulletin to all trainmen notifying them that the annual rating of watches in position will begin at Chicago on Monday, January 1. Advance notice is given in order that employees may have their watches given attention by repairers, in case repairs are needed, to bring them up to the standard required by the position test.

**Prosperity at Dorrance.**—Six good crops of wheat in succession and the promise of another crop next year is the way the people of Dorrance put it, and this prospective seventh annual yield looks better at this time than the average. There are five elevators here, all of them doing business. So far it is said about 200 car loads of this year's crop of wheat has been marketed and that there is upwards of 25 per cent of the yield yet to be marketed. And the shipments did not commence until the first of July.

**Killed by Escaping Steam.**—Charles Preusch, a young farmer of Healy, Kan., was scalded to death by escaping steam from a broken water gauge glass on a traction engine. He was backing the engine up to couple on to a separator to move the outfit and lost control of the engine. It backed into the separator, breaking the water glass and pinning him down underneath the escaping steam. He had been married six weeks.

**To Address Mercantile Club.**—Governor Hoch has accepted an invitation to speak at the Mercantile Club's banquet in Kansas City, Kan., on January 5. The governor gave a half promise several weeks ago that he would be present at the banquet; then he began his fight on the joints of that town and there was talk of the club withdrawing its invitation. This didn't bother the governor any. It seems that the talk came from a few of the members who rent buildings to "jointists" and that the officers and other members of the club wouldn't countenance such action. The governor will likely talk on the liquor situation in Kansas City, Kan.

**Effects of Free Delivery.**—When the rural mail routes are all in working order there will be no "country" in Clay county; it will be all town with all the privileges of city life, save paid fire departments, excessive taxes and uniformed police.

**Great Beet Sugar Country.**—With the solution of the water problem, the Arkansas valley west of Garden City promises to become the best sugar beet country in the world. This is what C. C. Hamlin, attorney for the American Sugar Beet Company, says.

**Want Hunters' Fees.**—Clerks of the state of Kansas will try by a test case before the supreme court to get a share of the money collected for hunters' licenses.

**Crushed Under Moving Truck.**—Irving Williams, son of Rev. Mr. Williams, was killed at his home a few miles south of Ellsworth. He was crushed under a moving truck.

**Reward is Offered.**—J. E. Hurley, general manager of the Santa Fe railway, has offered a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of the men who wrecked the passenger train near Reading, Kan.

**Leedy Getting On.**—Word comes from ex-Governor John W. Leedy that he is doing well in Alaska, where he has been living since he left Kansas. He is practicing law at Valdez, of which city he is mayor.

**Turkeys for the Coast.**—San Francisco ought to have a merry Christmas. One Kansas firm has shipped five carloads of dressed turkeys there for Kris Kringle trade. Kansas is simply doing things all the time to make people happy everywhere.

**Newman to Run for Auditor.**—A. Newman, clerk of Shawnee county, who attended the annual convention of the State Association of County Clerks at Wichita in the capacity of secretary, announced his candidacy for the office of state auditor on the Republican ticket.

**Colored Financier.**—David Henry, a colored barber, of Concordia, is quite a financier. Along in 1873 he sold some town property and loaned the proceeds to an Illinois farmer, taking a deed to the farm as security. The farmer died last spring and Henry's share of the estate was found to be \$10,000.

**County Commissioners Meet.**—County commissioners of Kansas met in convention at Wichita. William B. Lomas of Williamsburg, Franklin county, was elected president; W. H. Braden, of Pittsburg, Crawford county, secretary and treasurer. R. A. Baggs, of Cherokee county; J. A. Hess, of Riley county and F. B. Higley, of Crawford county, compose a legislative committee to look after matters of taxation.

**Kaffir Corn Yield.**—Probably the largest yield of kaffir corn in Kansas this year was harvested by W. J. Thomas from a prairie farm in Butler county. He threshed 485 bushels from 7 measured acres, or 70 bushels to the acre. At the present price of thirty cents a bushel, Mr. Thomas received \$21 per acre for his crop. This is a sample of what Butler county prairie land will produce in a good season when properly tilled.

**The Sunflower.**—The Kansas sunflower, the buffalo chipless desert sunflower, the sunflower that originated here and was here when the Spanish explorers first visited this region in 1518, may become the national flower of this country. The department of agriculture is agitating the question of sunflower culture, believing that there is much money in the industry if the farmers of this country can be persuaded to take it up.

**Question for Courts.**—Attorney General Coleman has rendered an opinion to the effect that the state board of railroad commissioners have no right to dip into the quarrel between Eldorado and the Missouri Pacific railroad over the removal of shops. Many years ago Eldorado voted bonds to aid the road in establishing shops at that place with an agreement that the shops should be operated there "as long as grass grows and water flows." Recently the road decided to move the shops, and Eldorado brought its grievance to the railroad board. Attorney General Coleman holds that the trouble between Eldorado and the Missouri Pacific is a question for the courts to settle.

**Boys Ran Away.**—The Wichita police have received from Norwich the description of two boys who ran away from home and who are wanted by their parents. The names of the boys are Lawrence Oyler, aged 17 years, and Ed Peats, aged 15 years. Both wore corduroy caps and blue overalls. The policemen on the several beats are looking for the boys.

**Christmas Presents Burned.**—In the Santa Fe express car wrecked near Reading there was about \$5,000 in gold and \$9,000 in currency and many thousand dollars' worth of jewelry destroyed by the express car attached to the train taking fire. The money was in transit from the National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City to Kansas bankers.

**Kansas Pipe Line Runs.**—For the first time in the history of the mid-continent field the runs have exceeded 50,000 barrels a day for a period of two weeks. Several times during the past three months they have reached 50,000 for a few days the first of each month, only to drop back below that point the rest of the month.

**Oil Adulterated.**—The finding of a combination of vinegar and glue in the tank of a dealer in independent oil in Topeka is coincident with the issuance of a letter by the sales department of the Standard Oil Company warning people against adulterated oil and asking their customers to keep a sharp lookout.

**Attend State Meeting.**—If the railroads would know just how far the present discontent extends among the people, let them attend the big state shippers' meeting to be held in Wichita next month.

## CHICAGO NATIONAL BANK AND CHIEF OWNER AND DIRECTOR



The Chicago National bank, the Home Savings bank and the Equitable Trust company, the string of financial institutions dominated by John R. Walsh at Chicago, went into liquidation Dec. 18, after examinations by the comptroller of the currency, the state banking officials and the clearing-house committee of the Associated Banks of Chicago.

Twenty-six millions of dollars in deposits of public funds and private accounts were involved in the crash. The other banks of Chicago at once arranged to take over all assets and guarantee the money of depositors. As a consequence the financial flurry was hardly noticeable.

## FROM NEWSBOY TO A MAGNATE

John R. Walsh Starts Life in Chicago as Poor Lad 58 Years Ago.

John R. Walsh is 68 years old, and has lived in Chicago fifty-eight years, during which time he has climbed from the rank of humble newsboy to that of bank and railway magnate whose fortune has been quoted as high as \$40,000,000. Mr. Walsh was born in Ireland Aug. 22, 1837. When 10 years old his parents emigrated to America and settled in Chicago in the latter part of 1847.

The boy had to work for his living from the start and became an employee of J. McNally, newsdealer. As Chicago grew the business of newsboy became more profitable and young Walsh proved not only industrious but capable in pushing his trade. In 1861 he established a news business of his own, and the demand for news from the war, which opened that year, made the sale of papers a paying occupation.

The news business founded by Mr. Walsh afterward developed into the American News company, which supplied railway trains and country dealers with newspapers, magazines and books and maps. Mr. Walsh was a director of the company from its start.

## Founds National Bank.

In 1882 Mr. Walsh founded the Chicago National bank. Fred M. Blount, who was cashier for many years, and John M. Smyth, who was a director, assisted Mr. Walsh in making his bank the great political bank of the city. Supported by both the republican and democratic leaders, Mr. Mr. Walsh was able to exercise a wide influence in many spheres.

At first all his attention was directed toward building up the bank, which during these years became known as one of the staunchest financial institutions in the west.

Through his connection with the news business Mr. Walsh became financially interested in the Chicago Herald when it was a young and struggling property. Under the management of James W. Scott, who was instrumental in getting Mr. Walsh interested in the paper, the Herald be-

## Trying to Save the Buffalo.

Now that a society has been formed to preserve the buffalo from extinction it seems strange that such an organization was not undertaken before, and that the government itself did not take effective measures to save this valuable animal. The new organization, known as the American Bison society, proposes to engage in systematic work to largely increase the existing herds. The undertaking will not only be an interesting one, but if successful it will be profitable, for the buffalo, under profitable conditions, increases rapidly and its hide is always a valuable marketable commodity.—Pittsburg Post.

## When Russia Was Republican.

In the middle ages princes in Russia were only prefects of police elected by the people. All public functions were elective, the Slav states were republican and there was no distinction of class even up to the time of Peter the Great. At the present day the Russian peasant's idea of government is that a federative system in which the first unit is the village assembly and he would tolerate the czar as the symbol of national unity.—Boston Globe

## Canine Treasures.

In Paris at present ladies of society are much addicted to dogs of quality—and price. They must also be toy dogs. Lap dogs are worth almost their weight in gold. A tiny Brabancon was a few days ago sold for its own weight in franc pieces—1,300 grammes—for as many francs. But even this has been exceeded by the price of \$1,000 given for an equally tiny Papillon. In the French capital, for several months now, there has been almost a boom in small fancy dogs suitable for ladies.

## YOUNG WOMAN BURGLAR.

She Was Driven to Her Wits for a Living.

A remarkable case of swindling and burglarious sacrilege by a young woman of good family has just been decided by the assize court of Danzig. The young woman's name is Helene Groukowsky, and she is 22 years of age. The daughter of a government contractor, she ran away from home a year ago in search of a more exciting life which went well enough until the money stolen from her parents was gone. Then she was driven to her wits for a living, and after committing a number of swindles in the assumed character of a lady of title and general officer's daughter, she was one night caught red-handed in the parish church of Zoppot, while in the act of forcing the plate chest in the sacristy.

## Football in England.

Rugby football in England differs somewhat from the American college game, but the two sports have one trait in common. Referring to a victorious team now touring England, a London correspondent says:

Three of the best players have been so seriously disabled that they cannot take the field again in England, and Wallace, one of the fleetest and cleverest three-quarters, is temporarily knocked out by a heavy fall. The captain and seven other players had been previously injured.

## He Doesn't Curse Now.

Washington, Kans., Dec. 25 (Special).—Jesse E. Mitchell is a telephone lineman, and also a well known resident here. Everybody acquainted with Mr. Mitchell knows that he was a man who held very positive views about Patent Medicine. Hear what he says now:—

"I used to curse all kinds of Patent Medicines, for they never did me any good, but Dodd's Kidney Pills have caused me to change my mind. For twelve years I suffered from Kidney Trouble. There was a hurting across my back that made it positive agony to stoop, and as I am in a stooping position nearly all day, you can imagine how I suffered. After a day's work that any man would think nothing of, I would be tired and worn out. In fact, I was always tired. I began using Dodd's Kidney Pills and after taking four boxes I feel like a new man, I am as fresh at night as when I begin work in the morning. I have no pain in my back now, and I am stronger than ever."

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